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A Message from the President

I write this after the University's Second Annual Alumni Weekend, which was even more successful than last year's Inaugural Weekend. Gathering alumni to celebrate and renew established friendships and forge new ones is exciting enough. Listening and watching as they marvel at the changes on campus, hear about new programs and initiatives, and ask about what's next is even more of a thrill.

Alumni Weekend is just one of dozens of ways we are enticing you back to campus, to increase your pride in your diploma, to see how we are progressing, to help us grow.

Alumni contributions are a part of that growth. The large financial gifts given to colleges often generate publicity, and any institution is tremendously grateful for those gifts. Overlooked, though, are the thousands of smaller gifts that form the foundation of an institution's future.

When alumni give to their alma mater, it underscores their belief in their University's mission. Students and parents view alumni gifts as confirmation that graduates attribute their success, at least in part, to their education. Corporations, foundations and other organizations that measure the success of universities gauge an institution's quality by the support of its alumni.

As part of the University's intensive efforts to thank you for your participation, this year we created the LEAD Society, which recognizes alumni who have supported the University for five or more consecutive years. We want you to know that no matter what you give, we value your participation, your interest and your input.

Come back to the University of New Haven. There has always been a place for you here, and there always will be.

Steven H. Kaplan, Ph.D.

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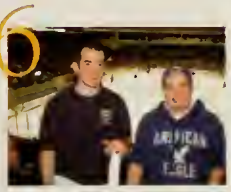
16 
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View from the Hill

Beckerman Center Opens To Rave Reviews

Balloons and applause filled the air, ceremonial ribbons were cut and praise was heaped upon the $15.5 million David A. Beckerman Recreation Center in February as the campus celebrated the much-anticipated building's completion. The Beckerman Center saw almost 12,000 visits in April alone, and for the spring semester, a total of about 50,000 visitors checked in.

New Residence Hall To Offer Sound Views

The ground has been broken for a $46 million, 400-bed apartment-style residence hall on Ruden Street, set to open in the fall of 2009. Residents will enjoy a beautiful view of the Long Island Sound.

Record-Shattering Enrollment at UNH

Increasing an incoming class 100 percent in one year is extremely rare. But at the University of New Haven, it's business as usual. UNH has experienced an off-the-charts spike in enrollment for fall 2008. By the crucial national deadline of May 1, deposits were up 104 percent over last year, following a dizzying number of applications.

President Kaplan Named Businessperson of the Year

Business New Haven magazine named UNH President Steven H. Kaplan Businessperson of the Year for 2008, following up with an overwhelmingly positive profile in the February 4 issue of the magazine and a dinner honoring Dr. Kaplan and other award winners in March. The magazine article was titled "The Man With the Plan: Employing a CEO's focus and clarity of purpose, Steve Kaplan has transformed the University of New Haven." The magazine justified the selection of a university president for the business award by citing UNH's $100 million budget, 500-plus employees, 80 acres and 5,000 students. It cited Dr. Kaplan's five-year business plan and his five-year strategic plan, along with the new programs, ambitious building projects and numerous initiatives that have reinvigorated the campus since his arrival. To read the story, visit *www.newhaven.edu*, click on News & Events, then UNH in the News then Winter 2008. Scroll down to the story.

New Miami Dolphins Head Coach a UNH Graduate

Anthony J. Sparano III '84 B.S., better known as Tony and perhaps even more prominent as the newly named head coach of the Miami Dolphins, was honored in April as a Distinguished Alumnus at the University's 25th Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball, held at the new David A. Beckerman Recreation Center on campus. Serving in a variety of coaching positions for the Cleveland Browns, Washington Redskins, Jacksonville Jaguars and Dallas Cowboys, Sparano, a former player and coach at UNH, was named Dolphins' head coach in January. See story, page 19.

View from the Hill

University College Offers Corporate Training

University College and IKEA-New Haven partnered to provide IKEA employees customized training in a ground-breaking program. This fall, the program will expand with special training for employees of Masonicare, along with programming for Masonicare residents at Ashlar Village, Masonicare's Continuing Care Retirement Community in Wallingford.

UNH's International Festival Spotlights Cultures of the World

Colorful and informative displays, a wide range of food and impressive entertainment were all part of UNH's 28th Annual International Festival April 5. UNH's international students representing 22 countries, as well as students from the United States, took part.

Esteemed Artist is New Seton Gallery Director

Vladimir Shpitalnik, a prominent painter, illustrator, and costume and set designer, joined the Seton Gallery as its new director earlier this year. A graduate of the Yale School of Drama and the Moscow Art Theatre School, he has created set and costume designs for productions at the American Place Theatre, Soho Rep, the Joffrey Ballet, the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center, the Moscow Art Theatre Studio and many others. Shpitalnik is the recipient of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, has illustrated three children's books for Random House/Knopf and serves on the faculties of Southern Connecticut State University and the Paier College of Art.

Alumnus, Entrepreneur Inspires Students

Ray Margiano '69 B.S., CEO, president and founder of Foot Solutions, Inc., spoke to a packed crowd at Dodds Theatre in April, mixing his lecture about entrepreneurship with inspirational videos and frank talk about failure and success. Margiano spoke with undergraduate and graduate students in classes; delivered the lecture "Footsteps to Entrepreneurship;" had breakfast with University officials and lunch with student leaders; and visited with his brother, Don Margiano, a retired Derby police officer who accompanied him throughout the day's events. "I wouldn't be where I am in life without UNH giving me my start," Margiano says.

Farewell and Good Fortune to New Graduates

The University awarded 479 undergraduate degrees and 371 graduate degrees at its 85th Annual Commencement May 24 at the Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium on North Campus. Former NFL head coach Dick Vermeil, bottom photo, right, who also achieved prominence as a college football analyst for network TV, was the commencement speaker. Vermeil, engineer and entrepreneur Michael J. Hartnett '69 B.S., bottom, second from right, and community activist and successful realtor Barbara L. Pearce, bottom, left, received honorary degrees. The three are pictured with University President Steven H. Kaplan, second from left.

Months earlier, during Winter Commencement Jan. 19,

University President Steven H. Kaplan hoods his daughter, Noemi, at UNH's Winter Commencement ceremony.

Ernest F. Schaub '72 B.S., retired president and CEO of EnPro Industries, spoke to the 150 undergraduates and 300 graduate students receiving their degrees. Honorary degrees were awarded to Schaub, human resources professional and Board of Governors' member William L. Bucknall Jr. '65 B.S., and John J. Crawford, a New Haven-area business leader.

Top photo: Graduates amassed at Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium; Bottom photo: Honorary degree recipients flanking President Steven Kaplan, second from left, are community activist and realtor Barbara L. Pearce, entrepreneur Michael J. Hartnett '69 B.S. and retired NFL coach Richard A. Vermeil, the commencement speaker.

Economics Expert is New Business College Dean

Dr. Richard A. Highfield, former dean of the Peter J. Tobin College of Business at St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y., is the new dean of the College of Business. Dr. Highfield has also served as dean of the School of Business at the University at Albany, and was associate dean of the M.B.A. Program and Operations at Cornell University. He is a graduate of Stanford and Santa Clara universities and the University of Chicago. As a personal aside, he is an accomplished tenor.

Lee College Welcomes New Dean

Dr. Richard H. Ward joined UNH this summer as the new dean of the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, where he served as associate vice president for Research and Special Programs. Previously, he served as vice chancellor for Administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Ward earned doctoral and master's degrees in Criminology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a bachelor of science degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

Tagliatela College Promotes A Popular Professor

Ali Montazer, professor of Industrial Engineering, was appointed associate dean of the Tagliatela College of Engineering. A professor at UNH for more than 20 years, he served as chairman of the Department of Industrial Engineering from 1992 to 1996 and chairman of the Department of Computer Science and Industrial Engineering from 2003 to 2006. A co-founder of the Innovation Initiative at UNH, he served for a number of years as industry liaison for the Tagliatela College.

Winter/Spring Lectures

Engineering Safety at Sea

Dr. Matthew Griffiths, professor of Physics at UNH, "Oil Rig Safety: Developing Design Guidance."

Moving Around, Technologically

Dr. Huei Peng, professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and executive director of Interdisciplinary and Professional Engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, "Advanced Power Systems for Sustainable Personal Mobility."

The United States and the Third World: A History

Mark Atwood Lawrence, University of Texas-Austin professor and Cassius Marcellus Clay Fellow in the Department of History at Yale, "Containing Globalism: U.S. Foreign Policy Toward the Third World from Kennedy to Kissinger."

Academics, Industry Seek Connections

Dr. Don Haynie, founder, vice president for Research and chief scientific officer of Artificial Cell Technologies, Inc., "Searching for Synergy between Academia and Industry."

Victim Education

UNH faculty member Christopher Sedelmaier, "Found Guilty, Finding Guilt: Effects of a Standardized Victim Impact Curriculum for Inmates."

Winter/Spring Lectures

A Classical Music Primer
UNH Assistant Professor Dr. José García-León, "Enjoying Classical Music."

Engineering with a Conscience
Dr. Julie Newman, director, Office of Sustainability at Yale, "Challenges for Sustainable Engineering."

Coping with a Workforce That Crosses Generations
Becca Kitchell, assistant director of Residential Life at UNH, at the Branford Chamber of Commerce, "The Cross Generational Workforce."

Combine an Inventor and a Physician And Make a Miracle
Dr. Richard Deslauriers '90 B.S., president, Doctors Research Group, "Innovations in Medical Technology."

Background on the Black Hawk
Ray Leoni, 'father' of the Black Hawk helicopter, "Design and Innovation."

International Entrepreneurship
Dr. Dennis Xu, chairman of the board of Viaon Technology Corporation, "Viaon's Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Suzhou Industrial Park, China."

On Human Trafficking
Ron Soodalter, author of "Hanging Captain Gordon: The Life and Trial of an American Slave Trader."

Gender Distinctions Probed
Dr. Abbas Nadim, professor in the UNH Department of Management, "Gender Differences in Leadership."

A Special Nose Sniffs Out Chemicals
Dr. Nancy Ortins Savage, assistant UNH Chemistry professor, "Take a Whiff of This: Chemical Detection and the Electronic Nose."

In the News

For UNH EMBA Student, Lifelong Learning Becomes Family Focus
Family Circle magazine, June 2008: Brigitte Cogswell '08 profiled.

Student Interns Help Upgrade Fire Department Resources
North Haven Post, May 7

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Blown Away by UNH Wind Tunnel
High school students stopped by UNH this spring to see Engineering Professor Konstantine Lambrakis, above, demonstrate supersonic flow at Mach 3 speed, using what is likely the largest wind tunnel in Connecticut, located right on campus. The students were from the Academy of Information Technology in Stamford, the Southeastern Connecticut Science and Technology Magnet High School in New London, and Bristol Eastern High School. WVIT Channel 30 (NBC) and the New Haven Register covered the event.

New Website Goes Live
The new website was fully operational in early January, presenting the University in a strong light to prospective students, and enabling current students, faculty, staff and alumni to access information rapidly. One of the site's new homepages is displayed below. Visit *www.newhaven.edu* to see more.

View from the Hill

Top High School Students Can Now Attend UNH

Thanks to UNH's recently implemented College before College program, New Haven high school students with a minimum score of 1100 on their SATs and at least a B+ in each class are eligible to take a class at UNH free of charge. Nineteen students enrolled for the '08 spring semester.

UNH Victimology Club Remembers Virginia Tech

April 16 marked the one-year anniversary of the Virginia Tech shootings, during which 32 students and faculty members were killed. UNH's Victimology Club organized a 'lie in' using student volunteers to represent each of the victims. Dressed in black and wearing ribbons made by friends and family members of the fallen, the students lay on the ground for

three minutes, the time it typically takes to purchase a gun in Virginia. The mother of Jessica Santos, a UNH student shot and killed in Yonkers, N.Y. spoke about the importance of gun laws. Several statewide news organizations covered the event. Above, club president Nikita Carmona is interviewed by WVIT TV Channel 30 (NBC).

Student Art Showcased

The Seton Gallery hosted works from the University's 2008 Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition May 8 through June 6. Dozens of appreciative viewers turned out to applaud the efforts and the art. Right, an entry by Brian Vogel '09.

Career Services Connects Students with Life Coaches

Career Services' "Get Made at UNH" program, named after a popular MTV show, this year more than doubled the number of student participants and more than tripled the number of life coaches. One student participant said, "The coaching program provides me with the tools and knowledge to obtain resources to educate myself in choosing a discipline, making career choices, obtaining a job interview and planning for my future."

Dental Hygiene Students Help Those in Need

The globe-trotting Dental Hygiene program continued its charitable work helping impoverished families access quality dental care. Five Dental Hygiene students traveled to a clinic in Honduras for two weeks starting at the end of May, and six Dental Hygiene students went to Romania for two weeks beginning June 21. The Romanian program was established several years ago; the Honduran program began in 2007.

Celebration Showcases Experiential Education

More than 200 students, faculty and staff listened as participants in the Second Annual Experiential Education Day Celebration shared student research, study-abroad presentations on student experiences from seven countries, internship booths and Academic Service-Learning displays May 1. UNH's newly created Society for Experiential Education also recognized 18 faculty and staff members and 27 students for their accomplishments in experiential education.

Facebook Study Abroad Site Created

The Study Abroad program has created a global group on Facebook, the popular social networking site, to connect all UNH students who have an interest in the University's Study Abroad program with study-abroad students throughout the world.

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In the News

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Business Ethics Aren't All the Same

Entrepreneur, May 2008: George Haley, director of the Center for International Industry Competitiveness at UNH, comments.

Dance Trio on National TV

The Hartford Courant, Feb 24 and April 19:
The hip-hop dance trio E3, which includes two UNH students, performed on the national TV programs "Showtime at the Apollo" and "America's Got Talent."

Students Remember Virginia Tech Victims

The Hartford Courant, The New Haven Register, April 17
WVIT TV Channel 30 (NBC); Fox 61; New England Cable Network, April 16.

Decades of Influence for Athletics Director Chin

NCAA News, April 17
Deborah Chin has been a positive influence on higher education and intercollegiate athletics for more than three decades.

Engineering Students' Concrete Canoe is Heavy Competition

The Hartford Courant, April 17;
The New Haven Register, April 19;
WFSB TV Channel 3 (CBS); WVIT TV Channel 30 (NBC);
WTNH TV Channel 8 (ABC), April 18.

Pro Athletes' Managing Businesses Called 'Entourage Economics'

The Wall Street Journal, April 11; Proathletesonly.com, May 2
Dr. Allen Sack, director of the Institute for Sport Management at UNH, comments.

The Game of Life

The Providence Journal, April 6: Students from 17 East Coast universities, including UNH, who plan to work in Human Resources, took part in the HR Games, a Jeopardy-style competition.

DNA Tests May Solve Mystery of Anastasia

Associated Press, April 3: Dr. Henry C. Lee, founder of the Forensic Science program at UNH, comments.

Crime Solvers Gather

WVIT TV Channel 30 (NBC); The New Haven Register, March 26: Experts from around the world met at the annual crime-solving conference hosted by UNH's Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science.

Lee Institute Gets Boost from State

The Hartford Courant, March 20; The New Haven Register, March 21: State funds $1 million of UNH's Henry C. Lee Institute building project.

Workplace Bullying

CT Public Radio (NPR) "Where We Live" March 17:
UNH professor Dr. Tara L'Heureux featured.

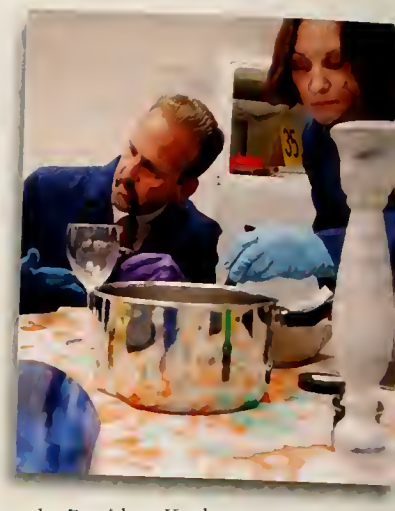
Should College Athletes be Paid?

Christian Science Monitor, March 7: Dr. Allen Sack, director of the Institute for Sport Management at UNH, comments.

From Ivory Tower to Factory Floor

Meriden Record-Journal, March 2; The New Haven Register, April 28: UNH graduate students' virtual-reality model helps forge smooth operation at area factory.

Help Us Meet a Million Dollar Challenge



A friend and donor to the University who wishes to remain anonymous has issued a challenge to the University of New Haven community: Give a gift to the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science building project, and the donor will match all gifts up to $1 million.

The challenge grant, announced in June by President Kaplan, was initiated to encourage gifts to the Lee Institute building fund. The new building will house laboratories, a museum open to the public, a research center accessible to scholars, researchers and others in law enforcement, forensic science and national security, a cold-case resolution center, classrooms and more. More information on the challenge gift is available by calling Timothy Stanton, associate vice president for Advancement Operations, at 203.932.7285.

Physical Evidence Can be of Limited Value

The Philadelphia Inquirer, February 14: Howard Harris, professor of Forensics and Heather Coyle, assistant professor of Forensics at UNH, comment.

Cop Case Lags Behind

Newsday, Trentonian, February 9: James Adcock, assistant professor and director, Investigative Services at UNH, comments.

Solving Cold Cases Could Get More Difficult

USA Today, February 4: James Adcock, assistant professor and director, Investigative Services at UNH, comments.

UNH Alumni Tony Sparano Miami Dolphins Coach

Associated Press, The Hartford Courant, The New Haven Register, Palm Beach Post, January 17
Foxsports.com, February 11; Boston Herald, March 23; Palm Beach Post, April 1; The Hartford Courant, The New Haven Register, WTNH TV Channel 8 (ABC), April 12.

Creating Capacity in Study Abroad

Inside Higher Ed, January 2: UNH provides academic oversight for the Global/Campus programs offered by Cultural Experiences Abroad.

Seton Gallery Director Vladimir Shpitalnik Featured in Sunday Arts section

The Hartford Courant, January 6.

Questioning China's Steel Industry

Nashville Business Journal, January 8; Hartford Business, January 28: Usha Haley, director of the Global Business Center at UNH, comments.

Freshman Year Abroad

Inside Higher Ed, October 23: UNH sent its first cohort of freshmen to Roehampton University, Dennis Nostrand, vice president for Enrollment Management, comments.

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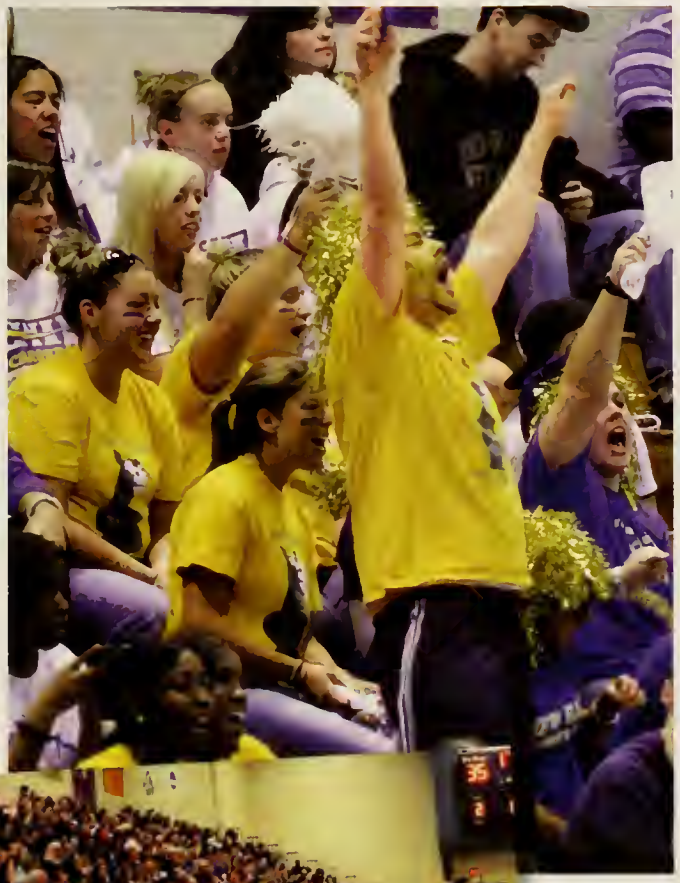

Before a National Crowd, Hundreds Cheer Women's Basketball on to Victory

Nearly 1,000 fans came out to cheer at the live, nationally televised UNH Women's Basketball Game Feb. 2 as the team scored a big win against the University of Bridgeport. The game, also streamed via Internet throughout the world, was one of six selected by the NCAA and CSTV for national broadcast. The game also aired on the New England Sports Network.

UNH Receives Diversity In Athletics Award

The NCAA named UNH one of 26 institutions nationwide to receive the 2007-08 Diversity in Athletics Award. The University was one of just 14 NCAA Division II members selected to receive the top award, presented in the category of Overall Excellence in Diversity. UNH was also recognized in the categories of "Value and Attitudinal Diversity" of department employees, and "Gender Diversity" of department employees.

Athletes Get Hands-On Experience

The University of New Haven Women's Basketball Team took experiential education to a new level during a three-game road trip to California. The student-athletes decorated a float seen by millions of television viewers in the world-famous Rose Bowl Parade.

Junior midfielder Mallory Ferrandiz was an all-Region selection after leading the Chargers Women's Lacrosse Team to 14 victories and a place in the national rankings last spring. UNH rose as high as eighth in the Division II coaches' poll in 2008, which was the best season in program history.

Amanda Pelcher, Briana Rende and Helin Marte of the UNH Women's Basketball Team decorated a Rose Bowl Parade float, Passport to the World of Making Music, which featured "Sesame Street" characters, during the team's trip to California during the winter break.

View from the Hill

CHARGER ATHLETICS

Spring Recap

Baseball: The team captured a share of the regular-season title with a 24-win season, advancing to the ECC championship game. Team MVP Michael Moras '08 finished his career as UNH's all-time leader in games (175) and RBIs (169).

Softball: The team advanced further in the NCAA tournament than any softball team in school history. Despite entering as the No. 8 seed, they won four games and advanced to the Northeast Regional final, making UNH one of the final "Sweet 16" teams playing across the nation.

Women's Lacrosse: The team was 14-3 and was ninth in the national poll, the first time the program has ever been ranked. UNH was the third-rated team in the North Region, and had four students on the All-Conference teams, including First Team pick and All-American Brigid Brady '09.

THANK YOU!

The 18th Annual Charger Classic, sponsored by Acorn Group and Sodexo, was an incredible success!

Thanks to the many alumni and sponsors who helped make the event one of the best ever. Your generous donations and sponsorships helped us enhance the game-day experiences of our loyal fans, faculty, staff and the local community who support UNH student-athletes.

This year's proceeds will fund construction of a new Athletics Equipment Room that includes custom-designed storage compartments for each sports team. It will allow for better organization and use of space, updated inventory, and ease of storage and retrieval for our growing population of student-athletes.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO HELP!

We have a number of ongoing facility improvement projects. Contact Director of Athletics Deborah Chin for more information about how you can contribute to the Charger Athletics Club and help promote the growth of UNH Athletics as we move into the Northeast-10 Conference. Call 203-932-7020 or e-mail dchin@newhaven.edu

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Making every day a better day

Sophomore Meghan Walter '10 was one of two Second Team All-ECC selections for the Charger softball team, joining teammate Breanne Gleason '10. UNH advanced to the NCAA Division II Championships for the fifth time in school history and the first time under head coach Jen Starek, advancing all the way to the Sweet Sixteen.

Track and Field: Shannon Gagne '10 continued her stellar season, provisionally qualifying for the NCAAs in the long jump and finishing 10th at the New England Championship, where UNH Male Athlete of the Year James Beaubrun '08 also placed 15th in the steeplechase.

UNH Football Coach and Recruits Hit the Gridiron

UNH Head Football Coach Peter Rossomando has begun preparing more than 50 Charger recruits for the University's re-entry into football in fall 2009 as a member of the Northeast-10 Conference.

Rossomando, 35, who spent the previous seven seasons at the University at Albany, is the ninth head coach in program history. He began his duties at UNH on January 1, and wasted no time visiting every state in the Northeast with new assistant coaches Scott James from Northeastern University and Drew Folmar from Millersville University. He had great success in the football recruiting hotbeds of Georgia and Florida as well.

Rossomando has 14 seasons of highly successful college coaching experience under his belt, having kicked off his career with a five-year stint at the University of New Haven from 1994 to 1998. Under then Head Coach Tony Sparano, the team went to the 1997 NCAA Division II Championship game and the 1995 NCAA playoffs.

Sparano, now head coach for the Miami Dolphins, phoned in his congratulations during a press conference announcing Rossomando's appointment. (See related story, page 3.)

UHN Head Football Coach Peter Rossomando

View from the Hill

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A Field Apart from the Rest

The new Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium on North Campus will sport a state-of-the-art synthetic turf field, Sprinturf, when the newly restored football team storms out for its first practices this autumn. The field is being resurfaced thanks to the generosity of UNH alumnus Ralph F. DellaCamera, Jr. '75 B.S., managing member and CIO of DellaCamera Capital Management LLC in Manhattan and a member of the University's Board of Governors. (See related story, page 20.) The field will also be one of only two blue synthetic turf fields in the collegiate ranks. The field also will be used to host NCAA and Northeast-10 Conference championship games in football, men's and women's soccer and women's lacrosse.

UNH's Newest 'Recruit'

Joining UNH from the NCAA's national office in Indianapolis, Ind., is Walter Brock, Jr., who will serve as the University's assistant director of athletics for NCAA compliance and student services. A football standout at St. Mary's College and Sacramento State University, Brock will oversee NCAA eligibility compliance, academic support services, and the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program. He will also serve as advisor to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Chargers Inducted into Hall of Fame

Director of Athletics Deborah Chin and the UNH community welcomed the 25th Athletics Hall of Fame Class on January 25 at Race Brook Country Club. Below, seated in the front row, left to right, are Christine Huber (basketball/soccer), Kim Schmidt (softball/volleyball) and Chin. Back row, left to right, are Robert Skinnon (baseball), Cazzie Kosciolek (football) and Joseph Maher (men's soccer). "Each of these worthy selections led their teams to great success, and they are still among our all-time individual leaders in their respective sports," Chin said.

Five Lives, Five Paths

Intersect to Help Transform UNH

Success may be measured in dozens of ways: family life, job promotions, material worth, charitable endeavors. For the following five alumni, the path to success has taken any number of different directions, but they nevertheless have remembered the University of New Haven as they have moved forward. Those combined efforts have, in turn, helped the University grow and prosper. The Japanese writer Ryunosuke Satoro said it best: "Individually we are one drop. Together we are an ocean."

Marie Accrino '70 B.S., Director of Marketing and Sales
White Space Gallery, New Haven, Connecticut

Marie Accrino graduated from the University with a B.S. in Marketing, and within two months was working at Southern New England Telephone as a graphic designer. Over the years, she moved up in the commercial art world, and discovered the fine artist in her as well. She began with Italian seascapes and European cityscapes and progressed to abstract Realism. "My college years — and they were wonderful years — shaped who I became," she says. She is now actively involved in the Alumni Association, has donated fine art through the White Space Gallery to the Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball auction, and has included the University in her will. "I'm grateful to the University of New Haven," she says. "My education gave me wonderful opportunities, particularly as the first person in my family to attend college."

"I'm grateful to the University of New Haven."

Marie Accrino '70, at New Haven's White Space Gallery. Above are three of her paintings.

"I think it's important to give, to help the school grow."

Chris Anziano '98 B.S., Senior Project Engineer
Olin Chlor Alkali Products, Charleston, Tennessee

In the way other fathers might bring their child to the local firehouse, Chris Anziano's dad often brought his young son to the chemical engineering plant where he worked. The boy came to respect the work his father did, and eventually majored in engineering at UNH. He lived off-campus most of his college career, working in a co-op program for 30 hours a week during semesters and full time during the summer. "That's what I loved about UNH — the flexibility," he says.

In the 10 years he has been gone from UNH, Chris has worked in progressively more challenging engineering jobs — at Ashta Chemicals in Ohio, Chemtura in Connecticut, and now Olin. But for him, it's a matter of coming full circle. "Ironically, my father worked for Olin in a number of different locations," he says. "It's always been a company I wanted to work for." Despite his moves, he has remained loyal to the University. "It benefited me quite a bit to attend," he says. "I think it's important to give, to help the school grow."

"Everything I have I owe to the University of New Haven."

Carl Fappiano '73 B.S., Owner and CEO
East Haven Landscape Products, East Haven, Connecticut

As an accountant for East Haven Landscape Products for much of his career, Carl Fappiano came to know the inner workings of the company so well that when an opportunity arose in 2004 to buy it, he did. His accounting degree from the University of New Haven certainly came in handy. "People sometimes ask me, 'why did you go into accounting?' and I tell them that something grabbed my interest in my first accounting class at the University," he says. "The instructors instilled good work ethics and habits."

That gratitude has moved him to support the University consistently over the years. "You should give back to those organizations that have been good to you and your family," he says. "Everything I have I owe to the University of New Haven."

"I wouldn't be here if it weren't for UNH."

Erin Schultz '06 B.S., Special Agent
Air Force Office of Special Investigations,
Montgomery, Alabama

As a child, Erin Schultz spent hours reading suspense novels, and decided early on that she would become a prosecuting attorney, the person with the power and will to put the bad guys away. But she soon realized she liked the investigating more than the prosecuting. That realization brought her to the University of New Haven, where she majored in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Investigative Services and a minor in Sociology. She took advantage of all UNH had to offer, participating in the Criminal Justice Club throughout her undergraduate years, interning in the Behavioral Science Division of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Georgia, living on campus "so I could roll out of bed and walk to class really quickly," she says, and working as a student phonathon caller for the University's annual fund. She is grateful for the opportunities UNH provided her. That gratitude is evidenced by her consistency in giving. "I wouldn't be here if it weren't for UNH," she says, "and I think it's important to give back to help the school develop in the best way possible."

Sonya D. Van Norden '97 E.M.B.A., Executive Director
Boys & Girls Club of Stamford, Connecticut

"I'm proud of my degree from UNH."

Sonya D. Van Norden knows what love feels like, as one of five children who were adopted and raised with care and devotion. Her parents immersed themselves in their children's lives, signing them up for dance lessons, transporting them to dozens of athletic events, and taking them to parades and other celebrations of American life. Her parents also valued education. After she graduated from SUNY Potsdam then worked for a series of banks including Chase and Citicorp, she realized at the end of the day that her love of children and her determination to give back to the community were most important to her. She left banking for a non-profit organization, progressing to the Boys & Girls Club. "The opportunity to have an impact on young children early on, and the ability to make a difference in their lives, well, it was just a perfect fit," she says.

She earned her E.M.B.A. at UNH in 1997 while continuing to work full time. Along with giving back to the community through her work, she also remembers UNH every year. "I'm proud of my degree from UNH," she says. "Giving to the University allows me to give the youth of America the advantage of higher education."

Why Giving Back Matters

Gifts to the University make a difference in a number of ways.

- They have the visible impact of creating new programs, buildings and initiatives.

- They help UNH to raise funds from other entities — corporations, foundations and other sources of income who weigh alumni interest when giving grants and other monetary awards.
- They raise the University's profile nationally. Publications such as U.S. News & World Report's popular Guide to Colleges rank colleges in part by alumni participation. Although those rankings have stirred controversy, they remain one of the most trusted sources nationally for information on institutions of higher learning.

U.S.News America's Best Colleges 2008

The alumni featured here have supported the University financially for five or more years.

This year, to thank them for their loyalty, the University has established the LEAD Society, for Loyal Engaged Alumni Donors, to highlight and reward individuals who have consistently given gifts to support the University's goals.

The University also began a Senior Giving program this year that encourages seniors to give, and educates them on the benefits of giving back. In its first year, the program raised almost $1,000 among graduating seniors during Senior Week.

Film at 11

It's true: The TV studio at the University of New Haven is on par with that of ESPN, the sports network. To give students a true sense for what a TV studio looks and feels like, the University, with the help of the Vlock family, installed state-of-the-art equipment including monitors, a switcher, a character generator, and a host of other TV equipment that serves Communication students well.

"We'll be able to take what we learn here and immediately apply it to a job," said Jeff Guerrera '08, as he sat one day last spring in an equipment room that is part of the Communication lab.

Students learn while working the TV monitors, writing, filming and editing shows put on by students; creating and filming news segments; coordinating graphics and more.

In the TV studio recently, several students were seated on a raised platform, chatting, as other students videotaped their conversation. Said Celina Natola '09, "When I'm placed in a new environment with this equipment, I won't be afraid of it."

"We'll be able to take what we learn here and immediately apply it to a job."

The College of Business

A Student Runs a Real-Life Event — and Succeeds

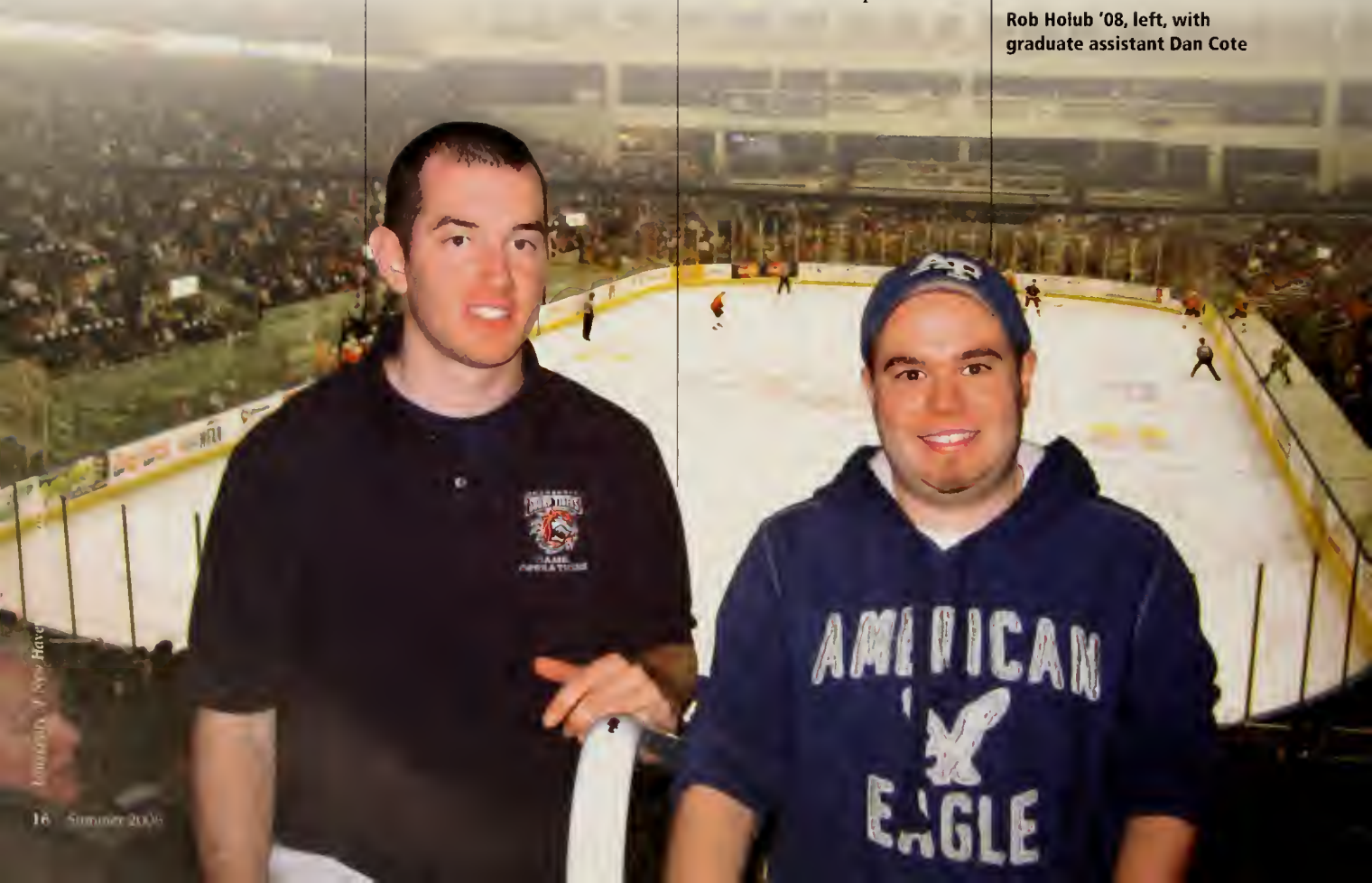
The University of New Haven's long-held belief that learning by doing is an integral part of a college education was evident one recent afternoon as Rob Holub '08 B.S. hurried around the arena of the Bridgeport Sound Tigers. With the help of graduate assistant Dan Cote, Holub was coordinating an alumni event as part of his Management of Sports Industries major. The Alumni Relations Office had also helped, but for the most part, Holub had planned and executed the marketing, ticketing, food, drink, and other minutiae that come with a University event. And with almost 100 alumni, staff, faculty and friends in attendance, it looked as though his efforts were a success.

Chrystie Tomala '00 B.S., of Floral Park, N.Y., Rebecca Harvey '01, of Waterbury, and Emily Stowell '00 B.S., of Middlebury, were part of the alumni crowd attending. "This is a good way to touch base with friends," said Tomala, who organized the little group's reunion through the UNH alumni website.

> "I wouldn't trade these experiences for anything."

The experience was essential to Holub's detailed plan for his future: get his Sports Management degree, earn an M.B.A. with a concentration in Human Resource Management, attend law school and eventually land a corporate job with a hockey team. Imposing dreams for some, but small potatoes for Holub, whose enthusiasm for his project paralleled that of the players zipping around the ice below.

"I wouldn't trade these experiences for anything," he said.



Rob Holub '08, left, with graduate assistant Dan Cote

The Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences

Getting Fired Up About Her Major

There's that common question about Fire Science: Do you really need a degree?

And here's the answer, from N.Y. City firefighter Andrew E. Dinkel IV '01 B.S. "If you want to move up, you have to have that degree to back you up." Kaitlin Rohonczy was listening carefully in the University's Alumni Lounge one windy, cold Thursday night this past February when several Fire Science and Criminal Justice graduates gathered to talk to a crowd of prospective students, their parents, alumni and current students about careers in their fields. Rohonczy, 17, then a senior at John F. Kennedy High School in Somers, N.Y., has known since she was 13 that she wanted to be a firefighter. A great-uncle was a firefighter with the renowned Rescue 1 in Manhattan, her grandfather a hook-and-ladder man. But a degree?

Its value was underscored at the career session. "Will you be rich?" Kevin Fry '03 B.S., asked rhetorically. "No. Will you be comfortable? Yes. Will you have a great career? Yes. Will you have a life of self-fulfillment? Absolutely."

The panel members talked about salaries, about the University's vaunted reputation and its valued internships, and about expertise and professionalism.

The discussion sold Rohonczy on the value of a college education in Fire Science. "Tonight I was able to see what everybody has taken from their degrees," she said. And by May, she had been accepted into the Fire Arson and Investigation program, one of four women out of 23 students enrolled, a University of New Haven degree well within her future.

"Tonight I was able to see what everybody has taken from their degrees."

Kaitlin Rohonczy, a recent graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in Somers, N.Y., will attend UNH this fall. Photo at left shows her at a UNH career session, with New York City firefighter Christopher Brennan '03 in the background.

The Tagliatela College of Engineering

Making Physics Float

Standard-issue college clubs include debate teams, fraternities and sororities, even law clubs. But for students in the Tagliatela College of Engineering, a Concrete Canoe Club seemed perfectly fitting.

Like a Scrabble or chess club, the idea is to devise the best solution to a sticky situation, especially if all your letters are I, or your queen has been captured. Getting a concrete canoe to float makes those problems seem minuscule by comparison.

"This project is a real application of physics," said the leader of the Concrete Canoe Club, Chris Stankus '09.

The Club worked on the ground floor of Buckman Hall through the winter and spring, fiddling with the design; lowering and widening the bow, or front, of its canoe to enable it to pivot more readily; and tapering the stern to create less drag. Members mixed the concrete with nylon, polypropylene and tiny glass bubbles in hopes of better buoyancy.

Their machinations worked. After curing and swamp-testing the canoe, they took it out for a spin at New York's Metropolitan Regional Concrete Canoe Conference April 27 at Flushing Meadows Park in Queens. There, they displayed their engineering mettle, taking first place in oral presentation, second for overall workmanship and display, and second in men's slalom. Team members were gratified by the canoe's performance.

"It was quite an accomplishment," Stankus said. "We set a great standard for years to come." To view television coverage of the concrete canoe, visit *www.newhaven.edu.*

Notable Alumni

The three University of New Haven alumni who were honored at the 25th Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball

this past April have met with success in three distinctly different ways. **Anthony J. Sparano III** (center), better known as Tony, graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice and every intention of becoming a police officer, but coaching football drew him to a different future, most recently as the head coach for the Miami Dolphins. **J. David Scheiner** (left) used his degree from the College of Business to move into the arena of retailing, most recently as president of Macy's Florida. **Martin J. O'Connor** (right) graduated with a minor in Fire Science and literally moved up the ladder at the New Haven Fire Department to the job of chief. Once he'd reached the top, he reached for an even higher calling, returning to college for a master of divinity degree, then a doctor of ministry degree. An associate professor of Fire Science, the University's campus minister, and the coordinator of internships for the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science, he is as beloved on the University campus as J. David Scheiner is to his colleagues at Macy's, and Tony Sparano to all the football players in whose lives he has made a difference. They have embraced the concept that the eminent statesman Winston Churchill put into words, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Drive, Tenacity and a UNH Education Fuel Success on Wall Street

Ralph F. DellaCamera, Jr., had his future planned early on: Attend Southern Connecticut State University for a degree in physical education. Then he detached his retina playing football at age 16, and his doctor told him if he ever was hit in the head again, he'd lose more than a retina. Ralph looked around for a Plan B.

"I have a philanthropic side of me, a side that likes to help people. Because when you leave this earth, it's about reputation."

He knew numbers and began dropping by brokerage offices in New Haven, offering to work for free to learn the business. "You need a college degree," the brokers told him.

He heeded their advice, and graduated from the University of New Haven in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in marketing. Although he tripped over numerous obstacles on his way to becoming a success on Wall Street, he hopped back up each time. He married his wife Frances, had two children, Christina and Nicolas, and worked his way up to becoming a senior convertible arbitrage trader for Paul Singer at Elliott Associates, a man rumored to be tough. But it was just another challenge, and it didn't faze DellaCamera. He did so well he was able to start his own firm, DellaCamera Capital Management, in 2006.

Now a valued member of the University's Board of Governors with the University's refurbished football stadium bearing his name, DellaCamera believes in giving back to the University that gave him his first shot at success.

"I have a philanthropic side, a side that likes to help people," he says. "Because when you leave this earth, it's about reputation."

Ethics, Energy and Education: A Recipe for Success

As a child, Frank P. Carrubba regularly listened to the Metropolitan Opera on the radio, made wine with his grandfather and learned to cook from his grandmother. "My mother and my grandparents taught me honesty, ethics, manners and social skills," says Carrubba, whose father died when he was 12 and whose mother went to work full time to support the family.

Those life lessons played out well for him during the years he spent working in the Navy as an electronics technician, as an award-winning researcher and inventor at IBM Corp. and Hewlett Packard, and as the executive vice president and chief technical officer at Phillips Electronics. While working full time at IBM in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., he attended night school at UNH for a master's degree.

"I made a lot of good friendships here," he says. "People worked hard for what they had. There was never any sense of entitlement."

Now he lives with his wife, Pat, in a hilltop house with a vineyard in idyllic Healdsburg, Calif. They grow grapes for their wines, collect artwork and have become major supporters of California arts and culture.

It is a good life, more elaborate but similar in many ways to the one he lived as a child. His recognition of his good fortune has propelled him to return the favor, as a member of UNH's Board of Governors and a major contributor to its continuing progress. "I always wanted to support this school, which helped me launch my career in upper management," he says. "I wanted to give back."

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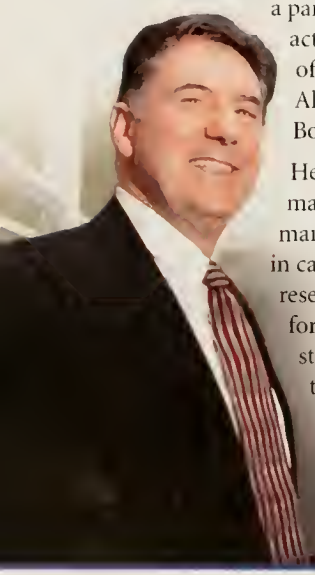
Alumni News

E.M.B.A. Grad New Head of Alumni Association

As an employee at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, first at Pratt's Automated Casting Facility in Middletown, then in the company's Government Engine & Space Propulsion division in West Palm Beach, Fla., Rick Toce saw employees with college degrees move into the executive ranks. So he moved back to Pratt's East Hartford facility in 1990, and enrolled at St. Joseph's College in West Hartford to complete his bachelor's degree.

"I enjoy learning," says Toce, the new president of the University's Alumni Association. He then enrolled in the University of New Haven's E.M.B.A. program, finishing in just two years. But he has never really left, becoming a particularly active member of the University's Alumni Association, serving as vice president of its Alumni Board, and now moving into the leadership position.

> "I am just so impressed with the students at the University. And there's no doubt, the E.M.B.A. degree helped me increase my rank at Pratt."



He also has moved into the executive ranks as finance manager in Mechanical Disciplines at Pratt, developing and managing $110 million in budgets, managing $15 million in capital planning and maintaining staffing, and has reserved a full-time six-month co-op position specifically for UNH students. "I am just so impressed with the students at the University," he says. "And there's no doubt, the E.M.B.A. degree helped me increase my rank at Pratt."

Alumni Status Has Its Benefits

- Join the new David A. Beckerman Recreation Center for access to weight rooms; racquetball; fitness studios with free classes; locker rooms; a juice bar and more. $30 per month/one-year commitment for alumni who graduated within the past year; $40 per month/one-year commitment for alumni and spouses. No activation fee. Monthly billing/EFT bank draft available. Visit www.newhaven.edu/athletics/chargerrec or call 203.931.2965.
- Sign up for a no-annual-fee UNH credit card through Bank of America.

- Receive discounts on auto and home insurance through Liberty Mutual, and insurance and financial services through American Insurance Administrators.

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The Alumni Insurance Program

- For these and additional benefits, visit www.newhaven.edu/alumni/perks.

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Alumni News

The Gift of Generosity Abounds at 25th Annual Scholarship Ball

More than 400 alumni and friends celebrated the 25th Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball and dedication of the David A. Beckerman Recreation Center in April. More than $300,000 was raised for student scholarships. The event, which included silent and live auctions, honored UNH alumni Martin (Marty) J. O'Connor '76 B.A., History, UNH associate professor and campus minister; J. David Scheiner '71 B.S., Management Science, president and chief operating officer, Macy's Florida; and Anthony (Tony) J. Sparano III '84 B.S., Criminal Justice, Miami Dolphins head coach.

Above, top row, left: UNH alumnus David A. Beckerman '65, addresses the crowd after the dedication of the Beckerman Center; President Steven H. Kaplan congratulates Charlie Pompea, a major donor to the Beckerman Center; President Kaplan poses with Distinguished Alumni from left, J. David Scheiner '71, Anthony (Tony) J. Sparano III '84 and Martin (Marty) O'Connor '76; Enjoying the evening are Board of Governors member Stephen P. Tagliatela and his wife, Viola; **Second row, left:** Psychology Department Practitioner-in-Residence Dr. Dennis McGough makes a bid during the live auction; the Charles E. Pompea Gymnasium was beautifully transformed for dancing and dining; Sparano, center, flanked by President Kaplan and chair of the Distinguished Alumni Nominations Committee Palma Pogoda, is lauded for his noteworthy achievements; **Third row, left:** Guests review items in the silent auction; Psychology Professor and Master of Ceremonies Michael Morris entertains the crowd; Distinguished Alumnus J. David Scheiner '71 is congratulated by Palma Pogoda; President Kaplan joins in the applause for beloved professor, campus minister and alumnus Marty O'Connor.

Class Notes

The College of Arts and Sciences

New Arrivals

Craig W. Fenn '98 B.S., Biology, '00 M.S., Cellular and Molecular Biology, and Jennifer Looker, daughter — Anna Gail Looker-Fenn, December 2, 2007

Marriages

Erin A. Lamoreaux '06 B.A., Music Industry, and David M. Giannelli — July 8, 2007

Valerie A. Vancza and **Edward G. Lucas** '98 M.S., Education — July 28, 2007

Stacey L. Dube '04 M.S., Education, and Shawn P. Simpson — August 3, 2007

Tonia Maturo '03 B.S., Biology, and Charles Valverde — September 7, 2007

Christine M. Bucci '95 B.A., English, and Robert M. Caprilozzi — September 14, 2007

Amelia Lancio and **Justin P. Zywocinski** '06 M.S., Education — October 6, 2007

Valerie J. Spatafore '99 A.S., Dental Hygiene, '04 B.S., Dental Hygiene, and Joseph Karas, Jr. — October 12, 2007

Deaths

Mildred E. Bohannah adjunct English instructor and academic skills counselor (see story, page 26)

Caroline A. Dinegar professor of Political Science (see story, page 32)

Madelyn A. Greco '74 A.S., General Studies

Thomas R. Holahan adjunct instructor of Philosophy at UNH from 1985 to 2005

David Morris professor of Marketing

Janet B. Smith Glass '79 M.A., Community Psychology

Mark N. Stephen '81 B.A., Political Science

John H. Volk '75 B.S., Environmental Science

1970s

Bakersfield, Calif., resident **Dr. Peggy De Stefano** '71 B.A., English, '74 M.S., Criminal Justice, has been teaching at Bakersfield College since 1985.

1980s

Bridgeport resident **Dimas B. Cuoto** '80 B.A., Sociology, is restoring a landmark 19th Century East Side mansion in Bridgeport. Over the years, Cuoto has worked as a soccer coach at UNH, Guilford High School and Bridgeport's Harding High School. He also served as a deputy contract compliance director for Bridgeport Mayor Thomas Bucci in the 1980s.

The SUNY Fredonia Center for Rural Regional Development and Governance appointed **Sherry A. H. Lantz** '85 M.A., Industrial/Organizational Psychology, director of Fredonia/Dunkirk Community Partnerships. Lantz, a resident of Ripley, N.Y., brings more than 20 years of experience in community and mental health work and management to the position. Prior to joining SUNY Fredonia, she was director of Food Programs for Chautauqua County Rural Ministry, Inc.

1990s

West Haven resident **Dr. Beth Bureau** '96 A.S., Dental Hygiene, '98 B.S., Dental Hygiene, has joined the West Haven dental practice of Drs. Forman, Margolies, Natkin & Hung. Dr. Bureau was elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon, a dental honor society, and is a member of the New Haven and Connecticut state dental associations.

Dr. Jay M. Knudsen '99 M.S., Cellular and Molecular Biology, a doctor of dental surgery, has joined Great East Dental Associates in Springvale, Maine.

Waterbury Center, Vt., resident **Gregory C. Swan** '91 B.A., Interior Design, is the new owner of St. Albans Glass. Swan was previously a project manager for the Fluor Company, a national engineering and construction company.

Douglas J. Hammel '95 M.S., Education, of New London, has been named principal of Stanley T. Williams Elementary School in North Branford. He has been an administrator in the Salem school district for nine years.

2000s

Palm Desert, Calif. resident **Marcy S. Gregory** '00 M.S., Human Nutrition, has been a nutritionist in private practice since 2000, specializing in teaching women to skillfully handle weight gain associated with menopause and age. Gregory has written "Lose the Belly Fat," a practical approach to unexpected weight gain experienced by many women prior to and during menopause.

Gale S. Plancon '00 M.S., Hospitality, of Branford, has joined YTB, Your Travel Biz, as a referring travel agent. Plancon runs a home-based travel business and is a member of the UNH Alumni Board.

Dr. Stanimira Nikolova '01 M.S, Human Nutrition, of the Bronx, N.Y., has been inducted as an honorary member in the 2008–2009 edition of the *Cambridge Who's Who Executive, Professional and Entrepreneurial Registry* for excellence in the health care industry. Dr. Nikolova has 15 years of professional experience in the healthcare industry and is currently a sleep laboratory manager for Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

The College of Business

New Arrivals

Dustin M. Guarino '99 B.S., Management of Sports Industries, and Alexis Guarino, daughter — Addison Jordan, November 21, 2007

Erika L. Graff '01 B.S., Management of Sports Industries, '03 M.B.A., and Robin Graff, daughter — Paige Mikayla, November 18, 2007

Marriages

Sandra Vigliotti '93 M.B.A., and Jack Senich — July 28, 2007

Stuart Gutter '90 B.S., Tourism and Travel Administration, and Patti Sommer — November 3, 2007

Class Notes

Getting the Third Degree Worked for This Graduate

Tourism in Vietnam is booming, **Be' Nguyen** will tell you. It is not the Vietnam of the 1960s, when Nguyen was a young resident of Ho Chi Minh City trying to survive the conflict. Nor is it the Vietnam of the '70s and '80s, when residents were struggling to clear their lands of the ruins of war and stitch their lives back together.

It is now the Vietnam of the Millennium, filled with opportunity.

One day, Nguyen, still of Ho Chi Minh City, asked her nephew to find on the Internet a college in the northeastern United States where she could earn a master's degree in Public Administration. She arrived at UNH in 2003, and the story might have ended there, with Nguyen's first master's degree. But she knew a need existed for trained civil servants in Vietnam.

"There are wonderful resources here," she says. "The people, the equipment, the facilities, I got so excited. So I took Tourism and Hospitality Management, and got another degree." In keeping with her academic doggedness, she then discovered that Sport Management was not being handled professionally in Vietnam. She was awarded her third master's degree, in Sport Management, from the University of New Haven during Winter Commencement 2008 in January.

Equipped with three master's degrees, she finally decided to go home.

"I believe I am one of the first students in Vietnam to bring professional sports management training home," she says. "I am so psyched."

Deaths

John J. Bartick '67 A.S., Business Administration, '69 B.S., Management Science

Donald S. Cady '73 B.S., Operations Management

Douglas R. Carlisle '76 B.S., Financial Accounting

Joseph J. Einhorn '79 E.M.B.A.

Arthur W. Gruhn '77 M.P.A.

Richard A. Gutmann '62 B.S., Business Administration

Robert J. Hickey, Sr. '67 B.S., Business Administration

Teresa M. Michon '91 B.S., Financial Accounting

Bradford W. Nicholson '85 B.S., Business Administration

John J. Patrick '67 A.S., Business Administration, '69 B.S., Management Science

Robert L. Vechiola '78 M.B.A.

Larry D. Veneziano '96 M.B.A., Marketing

John H. Winkelman '91 B.S., Financial Accounting

Valentino Zurawlew '86 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management

1960s

Saint Mary School in Waterbury honored **Ronald M. Diorio** '69 B.S., Marketing, of Waterbury, with the Guardian Angel Award at its annual Bells of Saint Mary awards banquet. Diorio was a relief pitcher in professional baseball from 1969 to 1978, pitching for the New York Yankees and Montreal Expos organizations as well as the Triple-A Mexican League. Diorio is a partner with Nocera, Dillon & Diorio Company real estate consultants and principal of Diorio Realty.

1970s

Guilford resident **Peter A. Benson** '70 B.S., Operations Management, was selected as a juror in the third annual regional juried photography exhibit sponsored by the Easton Arts Council. Benson has taught photography at the college level for more than 20 years, and is the department chair of Photography and Digital Imaging at Paier College of Art in Hamden. His work has been published in Architectural Digest, the acclaimed architecture and design magazine.

Gorham, Maine, resident **Kevin A. Fallen** '75 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management, is owner of Personal Touch Catering.

Charles A. Adonizio III '76 B.S., Marketing, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., is assistant treasurer of the Greater Wilkes Barre Association of Realtors. Adonizio has been an owner/broker of Atlas Realty, Inc., a full-service real estate firm in Plains Township, for 20 years. Holding both the Graduate Realtors Institute and Senior Real Estate Specialist designations, Adonizio specializes in commercial real estate. He has received four Par Excellence Awards from the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors. He also owns Atlas Insurance Group, Inc., an independent insurance agency founded in 1938 by his late father, Charles Adonizio, Jr.

US Investigations Services, Inc., a leading provider of pre-employment screening solutions, has elected **Thomas H. Collins** '76 M.B.A., Business Administration, of West Haven, to its board of directors. Collins served for 38 years as a commissioned officer and leader in the U.S. Coast Guard.

David P. Schuler '75 B.S., Management Science, of Lewes, Delaware, has been hired as pitching coach of the Tri-City Dust Devils, a Class A team based

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in Pascoa, Wash. During his coaching career, Schuler has been employed by the N.Y. Yankees, Baltimore Orioles, Seattle Mariners, San Francisco Giants and Atlanta Braves. He spent the past two years as coordinator of the Horsey Family Youth Foundation in Delaware.

Howard J. Wurzak '76 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management, is president and CEO of the Wurzak Hotel Group in Narberth, Penn.

1980s

The financial services firm of **Thomas P. Morrone** '80 B.S., Financial Accounting, of North Haven, has been an affiliate of U.S. Wealth Advisors since 2000 and has been named a "Rising Star Firm" in the financial planning sector by CPA Wealth Provider, an accounting industry trade journal.

In Memoriam

Milly Bohannah, a beloved and respected member of the University community for more than 28 years, died Nov. 29 following a long illness. An adjunct faculty member of the English Department, Bohannah also worked as an academic skills counselor in the Office of Academic Services and tutored in writing in the Center for Learning Resources. Bohannah's friend, Alice Guido, a former fellow adjunct in the English Department and a CLR writing tutor, wrote an article about Bohannah for the Charger Bulletin some years ago.

"The mementos scattered throughout her office and correspondence from students updating her on their post-UNH lives reveal that her ties extend well beyond graduation," Guido wrote. "A CLR veteran, Ms. Bohannah remembers more than 20 years ago when Room 106, now serving as the Computer Lab and the office of the CLR Coordinator, was used as a music classroom 'with strains of piano and recorded music wafting in over discussions of comma splices and mixed constructions.' Although the only tunes in the CLR today are those emitted by cell phones, Ms. Bohannah is still present, the soft-spoken lady seated at the round table near the picture window, her 16-ounce tea mug loaded and ready for an afternoon of tutoring sessions in composition and history."

Donations in her memory may be made to the Women of Christ Episcopal Church, Christ Episcopal Church, 526 Amity Road, Bethany, CT 06524.

Angelo-Gene Monaco '82 M.S., Labor Relations, has been named associate vice president for Human Resources and Employee Relations at the University of Akron. Monaco was previously director of Labor Relations and director of Human Resources with Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. He also served as associate vice president at Oberlin College, director of Human Resources for the New York Zoological Society, and a product analyst for the Bic Corp., and Eveready Battery Co.

The American Stock Exchange (Amex) appointed **Patricia A. Rado** '83 M.B.A., Computer and Information Science, as president and chief operating officer. The former vice president, controller and chief accounting officer of Public Service Enterprise Group Inc., Rado will be responsible for managing the operations and growth of Amex's businesses. A resident of Annandale, N.J., she previously was an independent governor of the Amex Board of Governors, serving as chair of the audit committee and as a member of the finance and executive committees.

North Haven resident **Craig L. Mortali** '84 B.S., Communications, a six-time Emmy-award winning sports producer for ESPN, produced "Triumph and Tragedy: The Ray Mancini Story," which aired on ESPN Classic. Mortali has also produced for "SportsCenter."

John N. Mellon '86 M.B.A., Hotel and Restaurant Management, of Drums, Pa., associate professor of Business at Misericordia University, presented a research paper at the 2007 International Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education Conference and Expo. Mellon has been teaching Marketing, Management and Hospitality Management since 1986. He has been teaching at Misericordia since 2002.

Sherman Oaks, Calif., resident **Joseph J. Farricielli, Jr.** '88 M.B.A., Business Policy and Strategy, was appointed to serve on the NTN Buzztime, Inc. board of directors. Farricielli is currently a senior vice president of Fidelity National Special Opportunities, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Fidelity National Financial, Inc. He also serves as a director of three privately held companies: Look Investment Agency, Inc., Recycling Enterprises, Inc., and Hamden Sand & Stone, Inc.

Wallingford resident **Carissa M. Neubig** '88 M.B.A., Management and Organization, was appointed executive director of Senior Whole Health, a Medicare Advantage special-needs plan that serves Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries in New Haven, Hartford, and Middlesex counties. Neubig most recently served as chief operating officer of Gaylord Hospital in Wallingford.

North Haven resident **Richard V. Branigan** '81 M.P.A., was named North Branford's town manager. Branigan has worked in North Haven since 1990, most recently as the director of public works.

Gerber Scientific, Inc. has named **Michael R. Elia** '81 B.S., Financial Accounting, executive vice president and chief financial officer. Elia, a resident of Dublin, Ohio, most recently served as chief financial officer of the Frank Gates Companies, Inc.

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Caren R. Bartlett '83 B.S., Business Administration, was nominated to the 2008/2009 Registry of Cambridge Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women, Honors Edition.

West Berlin, N.J., resident **Nicolaus E. Sakiewicz** '83 B.S., Business Administration, the current president of AEG Soccer New York/New Jersey, will be the CEO and operating partner of an ownership group seeking to bring Major League Soccer (MLS) to Chester, Penn. Sakiewicz has coached at the youth and college level and was a former general manager of two major league soccer teams, New York's MetroStars and Tampa Bay's Mutiny.

Gary J. Zavatkay '83 B.S., Business Administration, of Suffield, has been named manager of national accounts for Connor Sport Court International. Zavatkay's extensive sales experience includes working with the J.M. Ney Company, Curtis Industries, and most recently as a national corporate account manager for Barnes Distribution.

Wolcott resident **Scott W. Annis** '85 M.B.A., joined the senior management team of Huber+Suhner Inc., of Essex as director of industrial marketing. Annis previously worked as a regional account manager for Delphi Connection Systems.

Patrice A. Melluso '89 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management, of East Rockaway, N.Y., joined Ogilvy Healthworld as an account supervisor. Melluso was previously a consultant to Ogilvy Healthworld and other health care and business corporations.

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St. Louis Park, Minn., resident **Steven M. Roth** '90 B.S., Marketing, was promoted to vice president, Sales and Marketing, for Rocket Science. Rocket Science develops and executes sales and marketing strategies for independent record labels throughout the United States.

RoadLink named Denville, N.J., resident **Thomas A. Collett** '91 B.S., Business Administration, director of Business Development for the East Coast.

Patricia M. Lugo '91 B.S., Financial Accounting, was named business administrator for the Mashpee Schools. Lugo, a Brockton, Mass., resident, most recently served as the accountant and an accounting teacher for the Brockton public schools.

Waterbury resident **James F. Nardozzi** '91 M.P.A., '96 C.P., Forensic Science, accepted a position at Post University in Waterbury as criminal justice manager. Nardozzi was previously deputy chief of police with the Waterbury Police Department.

Thomas C. Power '91 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management, of Washington, D.C., is owner and chef of the restaurant Corduroy.

Broomfield, Colo., resident **Gary A. Loretitsch** '92 E.M.B.A., co-authored "Power: Use of Treated Sewage Plant Effluent in Power Plants," which appeared in the December 2007 issue of *Ultrapure Water*. Loretitsch is a principal scientist for water treatment technologies with Mechanical & Materials Engineering in Austin, Texas. He was formerly vice president and senior consultant with Puckorius & Associates Inc.

Branford resident **Maureen Nuzzo** '94 M.B.A., is owner-chef of Tastebuds in Guilford. Nuzzo has owned the breakfast and lunch restaurant for the past nine years. She previously spent a number of years as an administrator at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Amplify Sports and Entertainment, LLC, has named **Allyn R. Michalek** '97 E.M.B.A., of New Canaan, vice president of sales for the agency. Prior to joining Amplify Sports, Michalek was senior vice president of integrated sales for Patriot Marketing Group, a division of US International Media.

Edward J. Nadriczny '98 M.P.A., Personal and Labor Relations, is New Canaan police chief. A resident of Monroe, Nadriczny is a 30-year veteran of the department. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1995, serving in the Patrol Division, then served as investigative section commander. After being named captain of Staff Services in 1999, he assumed the duties of captain of operations in 2003, and was appointed chief in 2005.

Westport resident **Lou Ann Giunta** '99 E.M.B.A., has joined the Westport office of Country Living Associates as a sales associate.

The Hill Fund Moves Forward

The University's Annual Fund, the Hill Fund, established three new initiatives this year:

- LEAD Society, or Loyal Engaged Alumni Donors, recognizes and honors alumni donors who have financially supported the University for the past five consecutive years or more.
- GOLD Club, or Graduates of the Last Decade, is a leadership group exclusively for those recent graduates who would like to join the President's Society. A $500 annual gift provides a GOLD member with the same benefits as President's Society members, who typically give gifts of $1,000 or more.
- SPUD Club, or Student Philanthropists for Undergraduate Development, comprises student Phonathon callers and other undergraduates dedicated to educating students about philanthropy in the United States and internationally. The group set a record when members collected almost $1,000 in gifts from the senior class during Senior Week. SPUD elected its first officers this year: President: Eric Harding; Vice President: Brendan Pearson; Secretary: Sarah Zello; Treasurer: Amber Auger; Sergeant at Arms: Brian Ritchie.

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Giunta has more than 20 years of real estate experience. Previously she was in management with General Electric, Deloitte & Touche and Hyperion Solutions. She is on the board of the Connecticut Humane Society, a member of the Entrepreneurial Women's Network, and a member of the Branford and Clinton conservation land trusts.

Kathleen A. Pajor '99 M.S., Health Care Administration, of Milford, was named president and executive director of Health Care Vision Inc.'s Beechwood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in New London. She has been with Beechwood for more than two years and previously worked at Bridgeport Hospital and the Hospital of St. Raphael.

Robert P. Wentzel '99 E.M.B.A., of Halifax, Penn., will oversee the new Bureau of 911 Programs within the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). Wentzel has more than five years of experience with information technology and 911 programs on the county and state level. Before joining PEMA, Wentzel served as the emergency management director and 911 coordinator for Dauphin County.

Edward V. Kulhawik '90 M.P.A., of Trumbull, is chief of the Wilton Police Department. Kulhawik began his law enforcement career in Wilton in 1981.

Lyndhurst, N.J., resident **Jo-Lynn Cimino** '98 B.S., Marketing, was inducted into the Connecticut Scholastic and Collegiate Softball Hall of Fame.

2000s

Yoshimichi Aoki '00 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management, accepted a position at U&R Hotel Management located in Tokyo, Japan, as front desk manager. Yoshimichi, who resides in Hirakata Shi, Japan, was previously employed by Global Line as assistant chief manager.

Wallingford resident **John R. MacKenzie** '01 E.M.B.A., was inducted into the Sheehan High School Hall of Fame. MacKenzie joined the Eye Level Corporation in 2002 and is currently vice president of sales and marketing. He was previously with the Household Products Division of Black & Decker, earning the distinction of Sales Manager of the Year in 2000.

Peter B. Tomaino '03 M.S., Taxation, was promoted to tax manager with the Shelton certified public accounting firm of Dworken, Hillman, LaMoret and Sterczala PC. Tomaino, a Danbury resident, joined the firm in 2002.

Seymour resident **Charlene B. Labate** '04 M.B.A., Finance, is an accounting and audit manager for Baily Schaefer and Errato, LLC of Branford. Labate, a recipient of the 2004 Candidates Award from the Connecticut Society of CPAs, is a member of the Leadership Greater New Haven class of 2007.

James S. Ciarcia '05 E.M.B.A., of Rocky Hill, has been reappointed by Gov. M. Jodi Rell as a member of the State Board of Accountancy. Ciarcia is a financial analyst with Northeast Utilities, where he has worked for the past 26 years.

Peter Struble '07 M.P.A., Public Administration, of Wallingford, was inducted into the Sheehan High School Hall of Fame. Struble has been a member of the Wallingford Fire Department since 1986 and became chief in 2000. For the past four years, Struble has been the team leader for the New Haven area Special Hazards Team.

Michelle L. Holmberg '07 B.S., Business Administration, was promoted to sales manager specializing in union and third party markets, at the Hilton Hotel Corporation's Doubletree Hotel in San Jose, Calif.

The Tagliatela College of Engineering

Marriages

Carla Minutillo '84 B.S., Computer Science and Ron Bailey — October 13, 2007

Deaths

Matthew R. Belanic '49 A.S., Engineering

Ronald E. Bellmore '79 B.S., Electrical Engineering

Allan F. Bergman '67 B.S., Mechanical Engineering

John M. Burke '64 A.S., Engineering, '85 E.M.B.A.

Ernest W. Cappiello '49 A.S., Engineering

Harry L. Carl, Jr. '53 A.S., Engineering

William F. Cellini '59 A.S., Engineering Science

Howard R. Chandler '48 A.S., Engineering

Nicholas V. Cusano '38 A.S., Engineering Science

John M. Gladke '69 B.S., Electrical Engineering

Reeves T. Spencer '50 A.S., Engineering

Brian Walonoski '83 B.S., Mechanical Engineering

1970s

Albert E. Chrisbacher '70 B.S., Mechanical Engineering, of Pawcatuck, has been promoted to vice president, sheet and foam systems, for Davis-Standard, LLC. Chrisbacher joined Davis-Standard in 1992 as product manager of film and has held the positions of business area manager and business director.

Oak Ridge, Tenn., resident **Richard L. Giannelli** '75 B.S., Civil Engineering, has joined Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc., as Eastern Region manager. Giannelli has more than 38 years of engineering and management experience in both the private and public sectors. He worked for seven years for the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Frank L. Harper '79 B.S., Computer Science, '85 M.S., Industrial Engineering, of Decatur, Ga., is a special projects advisor to IT/IE companies. Harper previously was deputy chief information officer for Business Strategic Services and project management office director for the city of Atlanta. He was founder and managing director of Enterprise Engineer from 1988 to 2006.

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The East Haven High School Alumni Association inducted **Robert A. Guarino** '83 B.S., Computer Science, '98 M.B.A., Health Care Management, into its Hall of Fame. Guarino, who resides in East Haven, is a manager at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Connecticut.

Meriden resident **Joseph R. Mele, Jr.** '84 M.S., Computer Information Science, has been named senior vice president, operations, for Gerber Scientific, Inc. Mele is currently a partner with Lean Horizons Consulting, specializing in enterprise-level lean implementations for Fortune 500 clients. He has 26 years of experience in high technology aerospace and commercial manufacturing, including 17 years with United Technologies' Sikorsky Aircraft Division.

Vasanth Iyer '89 M.S., Computer and Information Science, of Hyderabad, India, was invited to the University of Ostrava, Czech Republic, to present his paper "Distributed Wireless Sensor Network Architecture: Fuzzy Logic Based Sensor Fusion."

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Piya Hawkes '90 A.S., Civil Engineering, '92 B.S., Civil Engineering, of East Hampton, is Enfield's new director of public works. Hawkes is a 15-year veteran of the state Department of Transportation, where he was a senior project engineer.

Old Saybrook resident **Gregory J. Smith** '91 B.S., Mechanical Engineering, has been named chief operating officer of Lewmar USA and president of Navtec Corp. Inc., the marine rigging division of Lewmar USA. Smith is former director of operations for General Electric Aviation Times Microwave Systems.

The Connecticut Business & Industry Association elected Cromwell resident **Bruce E. Dworak** '95 B.S., Mechanical Engineering, to a four-year term on its board of directors. Dworak is president of Hobson & Motzer Inc., which he joined in 1998. He is president of the board of directors of the Connecticut Tooling and Machining Association.

2000s

James T. Olsen '07 M.S., Environmental Engineering, a Middletown resident, is a senior hydrogeologist at Tighe & Bond, Inc., in Middletown.

The Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences

Marriages

Nicole S. Edwards '06 M.S., Criminal Justice, '07 M.S., Forensic Science, and **Robert C. Mitchell** '98 A.S., Fire and Occupational Safety — August 25, 2007 — Robert is the son of John Mitchell, director of Telecommunications at UNH, and Judy Mitchell, secretary for the Forensic Science department at UNH.

Erin P. Littlefield and **Michael J. Spaziani** '99 B.S., Arson Investigation — July 29, 2007

Deaths

Geoffrey K. Schweitzer '97 A.S., Criminal Justice, '99 B.S., Criminal Justice

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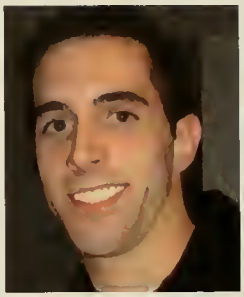

Nathan D. Crowell, 22, a senior at the University of New Haven, died Oct. 25 after being fatally struck by a puck during a recreational league ice hockey game in Shelton. Crowell, whose smile brightened any room he entered, was scheduled to receive his bachelor's degree at Winter Commencement. He had majored in investigative services, minored in political science and had obtained a certificate in computer crime.

Dr. William Tafoya, a professor in UNH's National Security Program and a mentor to Crowell, remembered him as a quiet, attentive student who sat in the front row of Tafoya's Computer Crime class and who eventually earned the highest grade there. "Nathan had tremendous potential and was full of enthusiasm for the future," Tafoya told the audience at Winter Commencement, where Crowell's parents, David and Gale Crowell, accepted their son's degree posthumously. "He was inspired and looked forward to using his UNH education to serve his country. Can there be a more admirable goal for a 22-year-old, or a higher calling?"

Friends and family visited www.smithmason.com to share their memories of Crowell. One writer remembered him in this way: "He was a wonderful young man, everything you always wish for your child to become: intelligent, hard-working, kind, respectful, and full of fun. He had a way about him that made everyone at ease."

Contributions may be made in his memory to the David A. Beckerman Recreation Center, c/o Advancement Office, the University of New Haven, 300 Boston Post Road, West Haven, CT 06516. Please make checks payable to the University of New Haven and mark contributions "In Memory of Nathan D. Crowell."

Susan M. Stratton '00 A.S., Criminal Justice, '03 B.S., Business Administration

Donald A. Crouch, Sr. '75 A.S., Criminal Justice

Perry M. Pausig '81 A.S., Criminal Justice, '84 B.S., Criminal Justice, '88 M.S., Computer and Information Systems

1970s

John J. Prete '78 A.S., Criminal Justice, of Branford, has been appointed vice president of Transmission Business for United

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Illuminating Company (UI). Prete joined UI in 1980 as an engineer in the electric distribution portion of the utility and most recently held the position of associate vice president of the transmission business.

Lieutenant **Robert J. Desena** '75 A.S., Criminal Justice, of Oakville, a 31-year veteran detective, has been selected to serve as deputy chief of the Watertown Police Department.

1980s

Rocky Hill resident detective **Joseph S. Coco** '83 M.S., Criminal Justice, retired from the Stonington Police Department. Coco joined the department in 1976.

James E. Simpson '87 A.S., Criminal Justice, '89 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Seymour, was appointed principal at North End Middle School in Waterbury. Simpson previously served as vice principal. He is currently on the staff of the Police Activity League, which offers academic and athletic after-school activities for 1,400 inner-city youth.

Stratford police chief **John J. Buturla** '88 M.S., Forensic Science, has been appointed to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council. Buturla began his career in 1979 as a police officer in Trumbull and joined the Connecticut State Police in 1982. In 2001, Buturla was appointed deputy director of Homeland Security for the state. He is also an adjunct professor for the graduate program in National Security at UNH.

Watertown Police Department Lieutenant **John F. Carroll** '88 B.S., Criminal Justice, graduated from the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Va.

Pawcatuck resident **Jody A. Grabowski** '88 M.S., Forensic Science, is a lieutenant in the Groton Town Police Department. Grabowski was hired as a patrol officer in 1984 and headed the forensics lab until 2001, when she was promoted to sergeant. She has also served as an instructor in the rape crisis center and the battered women's mentor group.

West Haven resident **Donald R. Scott** '89 B.S., Criminal Justice, was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Orange Police Department. Scott began his career as a police officer in 2002 and has won several awards, including a Certificate of Commendation for the arrest of an armed adversary.

Sandy Springs, Ga., resident **Jack K. McElfish** '84 B.S., Fire Science, '87 M.S., Fire Science, '87 M.P.A., is fire chief for the city of Sandy Springs. He has been designated as chief fire officer for the Commission on Professional Credentialing from the Center for Public Safety Excellence by Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue.

Jeffrey S. Obier '88 B.S., Arson Investigation, of North Haven, received the North Haven Community Service Firefighter of the Year award. Obier, a firefighter since 1991, is a lieutenant with the Headquarters Unit. He is currently president of the North Haven Professional Firefighters and plays drums with the New Haven County Firefighters' Emerald Society.

1990s

North Haven resident **Mark J. Petrone** '93 B.S., Fire Science, accepted a position at the University of Connecticut Health Center as environmental care coordinator. Petrone was previously a building fire and safety inspector II with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Sherman resident **Karen A. Alward** '98 B.S., Arson Investigation, has been promoted from deputy fire marshal to fire marshal for New Milford. Alward, a finance broker, has served as president and owner of FTF Investments LLC. She was previously fire lieutenant for the Squantz Engine Co. in New Fairfield.

Beacon Falls resident **Roberto N. Rinaldi** '98 B.S., Criminal Justice, was promoted to sergeant in the Seymour Police Department. Rinaldi, who has 16 years in law enforcement, has served nine years with the department as a patrol officer.

2000s

James A. Kersten '02 B.S., Fire Science Administration, of Brattleboro, Vt., joined the Derry Fire Department. Kersten was formerly employed by the state Division of Fire Safety in Vermont as an assistant state fire marshal.

A Hero is Honored

Stamford Police Officer **Tom Pjatak** '01 Criminal Justice, was honored March 14 during the Second Annual Heroes of Lower Fairfield County Breakfast at the Hilton Stamford Hotel in Stamford. Pjatak was working an extra-duty assignment at a Stamford construction site one morning in March 2007 when he spotted a house on fire on Greenwich Avenue. With flames pouring out of windows and threatening houses nearby, Pjatak called for backup, then ran inside. He scrambled up to the second floor, where he discovered a grandmother and her two grandchildren cowering amid the flames. As the fire blazed furiously around him, Pjatak shepherded the three out of the house to safety.

A father of two children, Kayla, 10, and Tyler, 5, Pjatak is married to Jennifer Pjatak, the director of Alumni Relations at the University of New Haven. He grew up in Stratford, and has received numerous awards from the Stamford Police Department, including a Unit Citation, one of the department's highest awards.

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Clinton resident **Katharine A. Bondonna** '03 B.S., Criminal Justice, '06 M.S., Education, joined Pierson School in Clinton as a fifth-grade teacher. Bondonna has been a swim coach at the Valley Shore YMCA for the past five years.

Misty Fitch '03 B.S., Forensic Science, '05 M.S., Criminal Justice, of Danbury, is a civilian crime analyst for the Waterbury Police Department.

Vernon resident **Rebecca L. Ricciuti** '03 B.S., Criminal Justice, '07 M.S., Forensic Science, has joined the Madison Police Department. Ricciuti was previously with the Vernon Police Department.

West Hartford resident **Albert L. Barrueco** '04 B.S., Criminal Justice, graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law and was recently admitted to the Connecticut Bar. Barrueco is currently an associate at the law offices of Day Pitney, LLP, where he is an employment litigation attorney.

Daniel J. Greenwood '04 B.S., Fire Science, of Vernon, **Philip A. Gawronski** '05 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Vernon, and **Kevin Manzolillo** '06 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Middletown, graduated from the Connecticut State Police Academy with a class of 60. Candidates for the 118th Connecticut State Police Training Troop were selected from a pool of more than 2,000 applicants.

Madison resident **Jason Davis** '05 B.S., Criminal Justice, graduated from the Connecticut Fire Academy and was sworn in as a firefighter for the town of Hamden.

John Runyon '03, center, graduated from Academy Class 07-02 of the New York City Fire Department on Jan. 16, 2008. Flanking him are friends and UNH classmates Mark Sicuso '03, left, of the Norwich, Conn., Fire Department, and Jake McNeilly '03, of the Manchester, Mass., Fire Department.

Christopher Perez '05 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Matthews, N.C., accepted a position as Citizens on Patrol coordinator with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department in Charlotte, N.C.

Amanda J. LaPolla '06 M.S., Criminal Justice, of New Hartford, was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the State University of New York at Oneonta. LaPolla was a member of the college's first national championship soccer team in 2003.

Justin M. Rutherford '06 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Clifton Park, N.Y., has joined Met Life's Albany agency as a financial services representative. Rutherford currently holds his life, accident and health licenses and is Series 6 and 63 licensed.

A New Member of the Advancement Team

Chris Lukowski has joined the Advancement Office as an associate development officer. Most recently, Lukowski worked in undergraduate admissions and fundraising for the athletic program at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield and was an assistant coach of Sacred Heart's lacrosse team, where he had played for four years as an undergraduate. He began his career after obtaining an M.B.A. from Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y., where he went on to coach lacrosse, becoming the youngest Division I lacrosse coach ever. He subsequently joined the Admissions Office at Wagner before moving back to Connecticut.

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The University is now offering its new license plate, available through the state Department of Motor Vehicles, free to the first 400 applicants. To receive the plate, contact the University Alumni Office at 203.932.7270 and leave your name, address and phone number. A registration form will be mailed to you.

Vehicles must be currently registered in Connecticut. Registrations due to expire within 45 days must be renewed immediately to qualify. Applications received for vehicles registered out-of-state or with a temporary registration will not be accepted. You may only acquire the same registration type as is currently on your vehicle.

In Memoriam

It was mid-February in New Haven, but blazing red Christmas poinsettias still filled the house where **Dr. Caroline Dinegar** lived for many years with her closest friend, Dr. Elisabeth Van Dyke. "She loved to decorate, especially at Christmas," Van Dyke said. "She loved, too, to feed the birds and watch the cardinals."

Dinegar died Dec. 12 after a courageous battle with cancer. Her life mixed a softer side — a passion for penguins, a sense of humor that drove her to plop a tribal headpiece from Borneo atop a bust of Thomas Jefferson that she kept in her living room — with a hard-headedness that won her a legion of fans and critics. She was schooled at Cornell, Columbia and Oxford universities and studied Chinese on a Fulbright scholarship in Taiwan. She spent most of her life in higher education, leaving only when a challenging opportunity to adventure into a new realm lured her away. She taught at the University of Connecticut, Cal State Northridge, the University of Virginia and, finally, the University of New Haven, serving in-between as a foreign affairs officer and a liaison to the United States Mission to the United Nations in New York and Paris, a director of the Peace Corps in Malaysia, and a professor of strategy and politics at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I.. She even ran for mayor of New Haven, twice.

Her resume at the University of New Haven was equally diverse. She served as assistant provost, was chair of the Department of Political Science, chaired the Faculty Senate several times over the course of many years, served as acting director of the library, was interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and directed the School of Hospitality and Tourism.

"I've had several careers," Dinegar told the New Haven Register in 1986. "Life has to be fun for me."

The Dr. Caroline A. Dinegar Memorial Scholarship has been established in her name to benefit a student majoring in Political Science at the University. Those interested in contributing may make a check payable to the University of New Haven. Please mail to the attention of Timothy Stanton, associate vice president for Advancement Operations, University of New Haven, 300 Boston Post Road, West Haven CT 06516.

A LASTING LEGACY

Couple's Smart Giving Helps Students

"UNH was an institution we wanted to help. The charitable gift annuities gave us a little income along the way and are very advantageous tax-wise."

Anna Deming

Anna and John Deming are inspiring examples of what two lifetimes of caring and commitment can do. During World War II, Anna Deming worked with the American Red Cross in Paris, while John fought the Axis powers in France, suffering serious injuries twice.

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"He was very fond of UNH," Mrs. Deming says. The University was still in its early stages when Mr. Deming attended; he earned two certificates from UNH with the help of the G.I. Bill. "UNH was an institution we wanted to help," Mrs. Deming says. "The charitable gift annuities gave us a little income along the way and are very advantageous tax-wise. The older you are, the more you get."

Mr. Deming died in 2006. His support of education lives on in his charitable gift annuity, giving students who could not otherwise afford a UNH education the power to do so. The charitable gift annuities they created are providing Mrs. Deming with a predictable income for the remainder of her life.

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Giving Matters

Christopher Julian Currie '08

Major: Fire Science

Involvement:

- First UNH student to participate in England Study Abroad, Spring '07
- Student supervisor, Hill Fund Phonathon
- Fraternity member, Delta Chi

Hope for the future: To get into construction management and progress through the field to become a project manager and move into corporate development. Having the background and knowledge of how fire departments really work will make a difference.

Why he is grateful: I'm paying for college myself. With the cost of college today, financial assistance has given students in my situation the opportunity to better themselves. I'm grateful for the help.

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